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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REQUESTING STATUS

Sir:

Further to a review of the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system, we note that the instant application is in condition for allowance consistent with the conversation with the Examiner on January 21, 2003, and that the PAIR system does not reflect a Supplemental Amendment we filed on January 21, 2003. However, we have not yet received a Notice of Allowability. Applicant respectfully requests the status of the above-identified patent application, including an indication as to when the Notice of Allowability can be expected.

Further, A copy of the Supplemental Amendment is enclosed.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

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